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BULGARIAN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM PROVIDES FOR INCREASED NUMBER OF TEACHERS

ADMIT 5,000 NEW TEACHERS -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 5 Sep 50

Among the advancements of the 1950-51 school year, one of the most important is the enrollment of 5,000 new young persons in the teaching profession. Furthermore, 17 intermediate pedagogical training schools, 11 oneyear pedagogical courses, and two pedagogical departments each at the Sandanski and Purvomay High Schools were opened at the beginning of the current school year. In addition, several schools and training courses have been established for teachers of preschool children, as well as three institutes for preparatory school teachers.

For the first time in the educational history of the country, not only the Ministry of Education had an active part in the organization of the new school year, but also the people's soviets and the party and public organizations who cooperated in eliminating last year's shortcomings. Following the system adopted in the USSR, teachers' conferences were called in August throughout the country; they cooperated with the soviets, youth organizations, etc., in the efficient preparation of the school program.

The most important goal of the school program is to include all individuals under 15 years of age in educational training; to provide them with substantial knowledge and train them according to the principles of socialism and patriotism, as well as proletarian internationalism; and to inculcate devotion to the USSR, VKP(b) and Stalin. Bureaucratic methods must be abandoned, criticism and selfcriticism must be widely practiced among the teachers, and political and social organizations must be drawn into cooperation with the schools. The experiences and systems of Soviet schools must be closely followed.

EXEMPT USSR GRADUATES FROM EXAMINATIONS -- Sofia, Izgrev, 30 Sep 50

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The Council of Ministers has approved regulations for the state examinations for students who completed courses at higher educational institutions. The examinations are compulsory for all students except for those who graduated in

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the USSR. A further exception is made for students who graduated during the 1949-50 academic year from the historical-philological, law, and economics faculties of Sofia University, the economic faculty of the university in Stalin, the Economic College in Svishtov, the College of Physical Culture, and the Art Academy, as well as physicians and dentists recruited for the army during 1949-50. Students in the above-named categories will receive their final diplomas without passing the additional state examination.

The regulation is published in No 23 of <u>Durzhaven Vestnik</u> and takes effect in the 1950-51 academic year. It supersedes all regulations issued by the various departments.

CHINESE STUDENTS TO STUDY IN BULGARIA -- Sofia, Izgrev, 30 Sep 50

A group of five Chinese students arrived in Sofia, 29 September 1950, to take up studies in Bulgarian universities. They were met at the station by representatives of the Committee for Science, Art, and Culture, the Chinese Embassy, the Dimitrov Youth Association, and numerous students of Sofia University.

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